CHURCH OF IRELAND.

AN ACCOUNT of the Number of FACULTIES or DISPENSATIONS which have in each of the last Ten Years been granted in *Ireland*, for the purpose of enabling Ecclesiastical Persons to hold more than one Benefice, and of the RULES and REGULATIONS under which such Faculties are now granted.

THE Number of FACULTIES granted in each of the last Ten Years has been as follows:—

In the Year	1820	15
—	1821	18
—	1822	9
—	1823	19
—	1824	10
—	1825	5
—	1826	10
—	1827	3
—	1828	4
—	1829	1

The RULES and REGULATIONS under which such FACULTIES are now granted are the following:—

NO Faculty or Dispensation for holding more Benefices than one is to be granted to any persons (Doctors in Divinity and in Law, and Examining Chaplains of Bishops alone excepted), who shall not have been first examined by the Lord Primate's Chaplain, and who shall not moreover, agreeably to the 36th Irish canon, have taken the degree of Master of Arts at the least (in the University of Dublin, Oxford or Cambridge), and who shall not be a Licensed Preacher, and submit to the condition that he will reside for some portion of every year on each of his benefices, and cause the duties of the Benefice on which he shall not principally reside to be well and sufficiently performed by a Resident Curate, duly licensed (besides providing for the cure of the Benefice on which he shall principally reside during his occasional absences from it).

No Dispensation is any case granted for holding more Benefices than two of whatever value, nor for holding two Benefices which are more than thirty miles distant from each other.

No Dispensation is in any case granted for holding two Benefices, one of which forms an episcopal union.

In all cases previously to the granting of a Dispensation, in addition to the usual testimonials of character, certificates are required under the hand of the Archbishop or Bishop in whose diocese the Benefices are situate, stating their respective values and computed distance from each other.

In addition to the foregoing Rules and Regulations, the Lord Primate feels himself authorized in virtue of the powers vested in him as The King's Commissioner for granting Dispensations or Faculties to exercise, and he does accordingly exercise his discretion in the granting or withholding thereof, as the circumstances of each particular case may seem to him to require.

John Hawkins,
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